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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN MEETINGS WITH DANISH FONMIN AND FONECONMIN, FADEYEV INFORMALLY PROPOSED EC AND COMECON CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH CONTACT CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE, SUGGESTING AS A FIRST STEP THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH SIDES. ANES RESPONDED NEUTRALLY BUT PROMISED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH EC COUNCIL. DANISH PERMREP IN BRUSSELS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO HAVE MATTER PUT ON AGENDA ON SEPTEMBER 20 COUNCIL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL (OLE KOCH), WHO WAS PRESENT AT ALL MEETINGS WITH FADEYEV, TOLD US THAT DISCUSSIONS WENT AS EXPECTED WITH FADEYEV'S MAIN PURPOSE TO OPEN, IN INFORMAL MANNER, DIALOGUE BETWEEN EC AND COMECON. SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WAS WITH FONECONMIN NORGAARD. FADEYEV SAID HE CAME TO DENMARK UNOFFICIALLY AND "WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION" BUT FELT IT WAS "A SIGN OF THE TIMES" THAT SOME FORM OF CONTACT BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN COMECON AND EC. IF THIS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, FADEYEV SUGGESTED THAT BOTH SIDES APPOINT DELEGATIONS "AT A REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL" FOR DISCUSSIONS. HE HOPED THAT COMMUNITY WOULD BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE CONTACTS AND NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN.

2. NORGAARD NOTED HE WAS ONLY ONE OF NINE AND WOULD HAVE TO REFER MATTER TO HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE EC COUNCIL. HE INDICATED THAT MATTER WOULD BE PUT ON THE NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA. (FONOFF IS INSTRUCTING ITS PERMREP IN BRUSSELS TO CONTACT COUNCIL SECRETARIAT WITH REQUEST THAT MATTER BE PUT ON AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 20 COUNCIL MEETING.) WITHOUT SUGGESTING SPECIFIC PROCEDURE, NORGAARD SAID FADEYEV WOULD BE INFORMED OF COUNCIL VIEWS WHEN AVAILABLE. (FONOFF SOURCE SUGGESTED ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE TO USE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN AS CHANNEL.)

3. FADEYEV ALSO MET BRIEFLY WITH FONMIN K.B. ANDERSEN BEFORE LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR AT WHICH EARLIER NORGAARD-FADEYEV CONVERSATION WAS RECAPITULATED. FADEYEV NOTED THAT HE HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE IN ASKING GROMYKO TO RAISE QUESTION OF COMECON/EC CONTACT WITH ANDERSEN AT HELSINKI CSCE MEETING. ANDERSEN POLITELY REJECTED NOTION THAT GROMYKO HAD RAISED SUBJECT WITH HIM. FADEYEV ALSO MADE POINT WITH ANDERSEN THAT SMALLER COUNTRIES IN COMECON HAVE SPECIAL ADVANTAGE SINCE THERE IS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEIGHTED VOTING AND ALL THEREFORE ARE EQUAL. ANDERSEN MERELY NOTED FRIENDLY NATURE OF DENMARK'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH COMECON MEMBERS. LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WAS PLEASANT AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE.

4. AMBASSY COMMENT. ACCORDING TO FONOFF SOURCE, FADEYEV SEEMED TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO UNDERLINE CASUAL, INFORMAL NATURE OF APPROACH WHILE MAKING CLEAR THIS WAS FEELER TO TEST EC REACTION

ON PROCEDURES FOR AND NATURE OF FURTHER CONTACTS. DANES ARE
SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY FADEYEV SUGGESTION FOR DELEGATIONS AT
REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL BUT DID NOT PROBE MEANING, I.E., WHETHER
HE MEANT REPRESENTATION AT COMMUNITY OR COUNTRY LEVELS.
ONE FONOFF OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT SOVIET MOTIVATION IN ENCOURAGING
COMECON/EC CONTACTS AT THIS TIME IS INTEREST IN ORGANIZING
COMECON ALONG EC LINES, WITH COMMISSION OVER WHICH THEY
CAN HAVE MORE DIRECT CONTROL. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATIONS, DANES
WERE VERY CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS,

MAKING CLEAR THAT THIS IS MATTER ENTIRELY FOR COLLECTIVE COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION.
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